THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Four 'A' type and one 'C type quarter are lying vacant at present. Applications have been called for from the staff who require accommodation and these vacant quarters will be allotted, in the due course.

Pending Application for employment on compassionate grounds in Air India

2509. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) What is the number of applications seeking employment on compassionate grounds pending at present in Air India ;

(b) the time since when these applications are pending, their break-up zone wise and period-wise ;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in providing employment in such cases ; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for expeditious disposal of such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) (a) 113.

(b)

Year	Bombay	Delhi	Calcutta	Madras
1983	2	..	..	..
1984	1	..	..	..
1985	3	..	..	..
1986	9	..	..	..
1987	5	7	..	1
1988	11	..	..	2
1989	9	2	..	2
1990	27	2	..	2
1991	17	7	2	2
TOTAL	84	18	2	9

(c) Widows and dependents of deceased employees are offered employment on compassionate grounds on out of turn basis subject to availability of vacancies and their meeting the eligibility qualifications. Relaxation has also been given in respect of age and experience. Employment of widows and femadl • dependents is discouraged in unskilled posts like loaders and cleaners etc. while male dependents are generally reluctant to take up such jobs.

(d) Air India has constituted a co-operative society by the name of Air India Employees' Dependents Industrial Producers Co-operative Society especially to give relief to unskilled widows. This Society takes up the work on contract basis like tailoring, cooking etc. from the Corporation.

Appointments of Directors in Air India

2510. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 292 dated the 2nd January, 1991 and state :

(a) the salient features of the report if any submitted by the Advisor to the then Chairman and Managing Director, Air India on improvement in coordination and passenger facilitation services for which he was retained on cratract basis ;